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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations, Physical Technical & Area Security, OS

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1. During the conceptual phase of the new building program much time and effort was put into concepts that would provide maximum flexibility and economy in the management of the internal wiring. The resulting plan called for providing an RFI shield around the building envelope and equipping the inside space with 100 percent computer access flooring. These two concepts combined permit installation of commercially available systems by the customers and easily installed, open wiring under the access floors.

2. Recent discussions have turned to how these open cable runs are to be protected when they are necessarily run in the corridors, outside the VTR areas. While much reference material has been put forward to support the view that we must sacrifice flexibility for physical security, a close reading of this material suggests that there may be a question of how much control the Agency plans to exercise over the Headquarters and that an answer to this question necessarily precedes a discussion of what further security features are required to protect the contents.

3. It is our assumption that Agency management intends the Headquarters to be fully under Agency control. While there may be current examples of a breakdown in that principle, it is presumed that current efforts are under way to deal with the exceptions to the rule. If this is not the case, then the designs we are implementing will not be effective since not only the cabling but the non-TEMPEST systems will be vulnerable.

4. The conclusion to be reached appears to be that additional discussion of the physical and personnel security to be implemented with the new building needs to occur as part of the discussion of internal technical security. It is

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suggested that providing what is desired Agency control of the facility minimizes the concern for protection of the technical systems and makes it possible to largely maintain the principle of flexibility we have been working

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